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## NEW UITP OFFICE IN NORTH AMERICA TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF URBAN TRANSIT IN THE REGION

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**UITP (International Association of Public Transport) has announced the opening of a new office in New York City to support the growth in urban transit projects across North America.**

UITP, which represents 1,400 members across 96 countries, will for the first time have a North American office (based in New York) to help support the development of public transit in the region. Present growth of North American cities is leading to major efforts to modernise existing transit systems, as well as build new integrated light rail transit, bus rapid transit and metro systems.

UITP's liaison office will be headed by Andrew Bata, an urban transit professional with more than 30 years' experience who was previously Chief of International Best Practice at MTA New York City Transit. Mr. Bata will be charged with sharing international expertise with UITP's North American members, working to connect bike- and car-sharing systems with public transit and supporting the organisation of the UITP [Global Public Transport Summit](#) that will take place in Montreal in May 2017.

"I'm delighted to be joining UITP and representing the Association in North America," said **Andrew Bata**, UITP Regional Manager for North America. "As the global centre of knowledge on sustainable mobility, I am very much looking forward to helping UITP members in North America tap in to some of the international expertise at UITP as well as showcase some best practices from the region".

UITP member companies in North America include some of the region's largest operators in metro (New York, Boston, Washington, Montreal and Toronto) and light rail systems (Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Honolulu, Edmonton and Vancouver).

*UITP now counts 13 liaison and regional offices across the [globe](#) in addition to its main office in Brussels.*

Find out more about UITP's activities in [North America](#).

### NOTE TO EDITORS

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,400 member companies giving access to 16,000 contacts from



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